

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Chen et al.	§ Group Art Unit: 2443
Serial No.: 10/824,811	§ Examiner: Belani, Kishin G.
Filed: April 15, 2004	§ Confirmation No.: 6690
For: System and Method for Searchable Instant Messaging Chat Repositories Using Topic and Identifier Metadata	§ Attorney Docket No.: AUS920031072US1

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

A fee of \$810.00 is believed to be necessary for the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Please charge this fee to IBM Corporation Deposit Account 09-0457.

A one month extension of time is believed to be necessary. I authorize the Commissioner to charge the one month extension fee of \$130.00 to Yee & Associates, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-3157. No additional extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Yee & Associates, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-3157.

In response to the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently with this Amendment, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.